

Church of Francis de Sales

176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

November 26, 2023

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Today's Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of Bill Simmons.



First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12:

The shepherd-king seeks the lost and heals the injured.

Responsorial Psalm 23:

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28:

Christ our king has conquered death.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46:

The Lord will come in glory to separate one from another.

Greeter: P. Walsh

Usher: E. Lipinski / J. Oliver

Lectors: E. McNamee / P. Hyer

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Roman Catholic Church
176 Lovers Lane – Mathews, Virginia 23109

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Monday 8am-4pm

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Friday 8am-Noon

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Please submit any announcements for the bulletin to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday at 4:00 PM

Our Liturgy Schedule

Sunday Mass: 11:00am

Tuesday Daily Mass: 9:00am

Friday Daily Mass: 9:00am

Holy Days: 6:30pm

Every 1st Friday: Devotions to the Sacred Heart Mass at 9:00am followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Every 1st Saturday: Fatima Devotions Rosary at 9:30am followed by Mass at 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation on request.

Marriage: call the priest at least six months in advance.

Baptism: call the priest at least one month in advance.

Anointing of the Sick at any time upon request.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

When Jesus identified Himself as the Good Shepherd, His disciples probably recalled the passage from Ezekiel that we hear today. God's words are comforting at first, lovingly caring for the sheep, but at the end God stands in judgment, and some sheep God will destroy. This is the kind of shepherd Jesus suggests in the Gospel, separating the sheep from the goats in order to determine who is sent to eternal life and who to eternal punishment. May we listen attentively.

This week in the Liturgy of the Church

FRI	Nov 24		<u>No</u> Weekday Mass Friday of the 33 rd Week in Ordinary Time.
THUR	Nov 26	9:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Visitation in Topping, VA.
TUES	Nov 28	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass Tuesday. This Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of Luke Russell, brother of Catherine Huckabee.
FRI	Dec 1	9:00 AM	Weekday Mass Friday. 1 st Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart, Mass at 9:00 AM followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
SAT	Dec 2	9:30 AM	1 st Saturday: Fatima Devotions Rosary at 9:30 AM followed by Mass at 10:00 AM.

Upcoming Events in the Life of our Parish

FdS Parish Offertory Income Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 [Through the end of October 2023 – 4-months]				
Month	Budget	Actuals	Actual Less Budget	Percent Actual / Budget
October Totals	\$13,333	\$24,983	+ \$11,650	187%
Year To Date to 10/31/23	\$52,333	\$67,885	+ \$15,552	130%
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY WHICH HELPS OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY THRIVE.				

Our Announcements

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE
CHURCH OF THE VISITATION
AT 9:00 AM.

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S BIRTH,
PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND
THE RECONCILIATION SERVICE ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 6:30 PM
AT THE CHURCH OF FRANCIS DE SALES.

The Church of Francis de Sales Social Outreach Committee will be providing *Christmas Stockings or Shoe Boxes* for the seniors at the Mathews County Senior Center again this year. Please pick up an ornament tag (there are 18 pink tags for the ladies and 5 blue tags for the gentlemen), from the Angel Tree located in the back of the church. Fill the stocking or box (wrap the gifts), attach the tag, and return the stocking or box to the church no later than Sunday, December 10th. We need to have them ready by December 14th for delivery to the seniors. A list of suggested items that you might want to include in the stockings will be by the angel tree. If possible, could you please provide a small gift card for food from Walmart, Food Lion or Dollar General in your gift box? Please help to make Christmas a little brighter for our seniors in Mathews County this year.

Altar of Remembrance: The Environment Committee would like to remind you to pick up the pictures of your loved ones after Mass today (November 26) that you brought in for the Altar of Remembrance. Please see Pat Lipinski concerning this, if you have any questions.

Special Intentions for Mass: If you would like to have a Mass offered for the intention of a loved one, friend, or another special request, please stop by the parish office and we will be happy to assist you!

The Bishop Keane Institute presents:

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*Sixty years after the Constitution
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December 1, 2023
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Since his election, the matter of liturgy has become an ever more significant focus of Pope Francis' attention, and talking about the liturgy has become a distinctive way for him to talk about Vatican II. Come join us as we consider what exactly the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* envisions us to, and how we can continue its implementation.

**Tickets on sale now for \$15.00
\$20.00 at the door**

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER		
Parishioners	Family	Friends
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Anna Deagle	Fred Moody	William Scott Smith
Sharon Simmons	Timothy Farrell	Ben Leigh
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Paul Reardon	Melissa Wilson	
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	Kathleen Cala	
	Vicki Krieger	
	Patsy Lynch	

**Please Pray for Our Military Men, Women, and Their Families.
 Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and
 their families for the selfless acts they perform in our country's time of need.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

MSgt Kristin Buludis	Daughter of Randy & Terry Dobson	US Air Force	Langley AFB, VA
CPT Andrew Bohn	Son of Jeff Bohn & Suanne Dittmeier	US Army	Fort Gregg Adams, VA
CAPT Ryan Carey	Son of Jack & Ginny Carey	US Navy	Naples, Italy
SSgt Cameron Farrell	Great-nephew of Elaine Lynch	US Air Force	Tyndall AFB, FL
E6 John Robert Pizzicar	Son-in-law of Jim & Deona Pavik	US Navy	Fort Meade, MD
LT Patrick Sopko	Son of Suzanne and Ron Sopko	US Navy	Norfolk, VA
2LT Spencer Walsh	Grandson of Pat & Jimmy Walsh	US Army	Fort Hood, TX

Austin Tice, freelance journalist and former Marine Captain, captured in Syria on August 14, 2012
Locations of overseas deployments are not listed for the security of all military members.

Our Parish Ministry and Mission Leads

Parochial Administrator, Liturgy	Fr. Johnny Mintah Mensah
Parish Administrator	Paul Flaherty
Parish Secretary	Mary Marshall
Altar Servers	Jon Oliver
Bulletin	Elaine Lynch
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Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Paul Reardon
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Liturgy	Michelle Oliver
Memorial Bricks	Paul Flaherty
New Members	Pat Lipinski
Faith Formation - Parish Catechetical Lead	Ed McNamee
Parish Life	Rita Engle
Parish Outreach	Helen Yacobucci
Pastoral Care	Mary Flaherty
Pastoral Council Chair	Eric Chadwell
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Sacramental Preparation - Baptism	Ed McNamee
Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation	Jessie Miller
Sacramental Preparation – 1 st Sacraments	Michelle Haas
Ushers	Ed Lipinski
Webmaster	Ed McNamee

To get in touch with any of our ministry or mission leaders,
or to offer your time and talents, please contact the Parish Office.

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